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SUBJ : NIMEIRI INQUIRIES RE C-130 AND F-5E SALES PRO-
CEDURES

REF: KHARTOUM 1256 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES AMBASSADOR HAS GIVEN GOS CORRECT
RESPONSE ON PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING GOS SALES REQUEST FOR
C-130 AND F-5E AIRCRAFT.

2. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE C-130 SALE WENT TO
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CONGRESS ON JANUARY 19. PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORIZED RELEASE
TO CONGRESS OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE SALE AS
REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL
ACT, AS AMENDED. FORMAL NOTIFICATION IN PREPARATION AND
SHOULD REACH CONGRESS BY BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK. WE WILL
INFORM YOU OF EXACT DATE. CONGRESS WILL THEN HAVE 30 DAYS
IN WHICH TO REVIEW PROSPECTIVE SALE AND TO EXERCISE ITS

OPTION TO REJECT IT.

3. US INTERESTS REQUIRE THAT DELIVERY OF C-130'S PROCEED
ON BASIS OF NORMAL ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. WE THEREFORE

BELIEVE IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO DESPATCH US AIR FORCE
TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM TO REVIEW DETAILS OF HOW BEST TO
INTRODUCE NEW AIRCRAFT INTO SUDANESE INVENTORY AND
HOPEFULLY TO DEVELOP SINGLE LETTER OF OFFER AND
ACCEPTANCE (LOA) RATHER THAN TO CONFUSE SUDANESE WITH
MULTIPLICITY OF LOA'S WHICH TEND TO BLUR TOTAL COST. WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE IN OUR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS
TO SEND SURVEY TEAM BEFORE CONGRESS HAS HAD FULL
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PROPOSAL. THEREFORE TEAM WILL NOT
RPT NOT BE PREPARED TO VISIT SUDAN UNTIL END OF 30 DAY
CONGRESSIONAL WAITING PERIOD. SURVEY TEAM WILL CARRY
DRAFT LOA AND WILL BE CONCERNED WITH DETERMINING WHAT
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS, AND TRAINING WILL
BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT C-130 OPERATIONS
IN SUDAN. AFTER SURVEY TEAM COMPLETES ITS REPORT, US
AIR FORCE WILL FINALIZE LOA AND FORWARD IT TO GOS FOR
ACCEPTANCE/SIGNATURE.

4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO DISCUSS SUDANESE REQUEST
FOR F-5E AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME. WE FIRST WANT TO TEST
CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO PROSPECTIVE C-130 SALE BEFORE
CONSIDERING ANY OTHER SUDANESE REQUESTS.
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